

COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, June 12th, 1883.

The Board of Aldermen met last night in the City Hall. Present: Mayor Meredith in the chair; Ald. Hyman, Birrell, Cowan, O'Meara, Labatt, Skinner, Boyd, Moore, Stringer, Browne, Becher, Hunt and A. S. Abbott, City Clerk.

Minutes of last meeting read and signed.

London Athletic Club—Application for use of City Hall on evening of June 19th, and for forty-eight hours following, for a pedestrian contest. Not granted, on the following division: Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hyman, Hunt and Becher—5. Nays—O'Meara, Skinner, Browne, Stringer, Moore and Boyd—7.

A. Stewart and sixteen other residents of Maple street—A petition against watering the street.

E. Baynes Reed and fourteen others—Petition that the proposed sidewalk on the north side of Queen's avenue be laid between the two rows of trees, in a similar manner to the one on the south side. No. 2.

Robert Wright and others—For a sewer on Bathurst and Waterloo. No. 2.

W. M. English—On behalf of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Dundas East Methodist Church, for the use of Queen's Park on the evening of June 19th, for the purpose of holding an ice cream festival. Granted.

Lewis Olmstead—Appealing against income tax for 1882. No. 1.

Jas. McKenzie—Asking to be released from the tenancy of City Hall store on July 1st. No. 1, with power.

D. H. Parry, Secretary pro tem. of the Board of Water Commissioners—The following resolution in reference to the application of Mr. Appleton, of London East, for water:

"That Mr. Appleton's application for water be referred to the City Council, with a recommendation from this Board that it be granted."

Referred to No. 3.

John McCallard and 104 others, shareholders of the Thames River Navigation Co.—A petition praying that the Council grant them the free use of the hotel at Springbank for the term of three years, and a subsidy of \$200 to repair said hotel.

APPLICATION FOR PRIVILEGES.

A deputation appeared from the Thames River Navigation Company on behalf of the above application. On motion, they were heard.

Mr. N. Reid said the Company were at great and constant expense, and would have to engage a steam dredge. He said the intention was to run the Springbank Hotel on strictly temperance principles, and the entire enterprise was for the general benefit of the citizens and residents of the vicinity, so that the Council should give them a little encouragement. He said no matter what enterprise was started in the city there would be some cranks to oppose it. The city had not been getting any rent for the hotel for two years past, and the least they could do was to grant the privilege of using it. The Company would realize no profits the first year.

Mr. Birtwhistle said the hotel was now going to rapid ruin, and this would be the means of saving it and at the same time adding to the comfort of visitors. The shareholders did not expect to make any money out of the scheme.

Ald. Hunt moved, seconded by Ald. Birrell, that the Council grant the hotel at Springbank for the term of one year without charge.

Ald. Skinner moved, in amendment to the amendment, that the petition be not granted. He did this out of respect to those whose friends were lost at the Victoria accident. He believed he could get 10,000 signatures in opposition to running the boats.

Ald. Hunt's amendment was carried on the following division: Yeas—Birrell, Labatt, Hunt, Hyman, O'Meara, Cowan, Browne, Stringer, Moore, Boyd and Becher. Nays—Ald. Skinner.

WANT THE HALL.

O. Y. B., No. 66.—Applied for the use of the City Hall on August 13th. Granted.

THAT MASONIC BOND.

Col. Lewis appeared on behalf of the Masonic Temple Co., in reference to an account